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" (c) The villagers have offered to pay a contribution of 50 per cent of the cost.

" (d) A report has been called for from the Block Development Officer, Musiri."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" How long it is since the investigation was made? Even though this village is within the Development area why steps are not taken speedily and the work finished? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, investigation itself takes some time and unless it is properly investigated, it would not be right to spend money, particularly money collected by way of people's contribution. Before the actual estimate was known, it was reported that the local people had offered 50 per cent contribution. Now the Block Development Officer has been asked to verify whether 50 per cent of the estimated amount of Rs. 90,000 would be forthcoming from the people. On receipt of a report from him, the work will be taken up."

Erosion on the banks of the Kariyamkot river

* 694 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that both the banks of the Kariyamkot river from Kariyamkot to Perumbatha in Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara, for a distance of about 20 miles are being heavily eroded for the past five years causing destruction to crops and trees;

(b) if so, whether the Government have cancelled the land revenue due from the lands thus annexed by the river;

(c) whether the Government have any proposals on hand to build up properly these two banks and give protection to the lands in question; and

(d) if so, what they are and when the work is likely to be completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No. There have been only slight erosions here and there in the 20 miles stretch referred to and some damage to trees standing on the banks.

" (b) No.

" (c) & (d) No. The question of protection to lands does not arise at present."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Very great damage has been caused and not ' slight damage ' as was stated by the Hon. Minister. So will the Government be pleased to make enquiries about this and find out whether the embankment is necessary and if so take necessary steps in this connection? "

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The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" My answer is based on the report I have obtained from the Chief Engineer which is based on the report of the Collector of South Kanara. If the hon. Member maintains that the damage has been greater than what I have stated then I have again to refer the matter to them for report. That is all I can do at present."

Collection of levies in public markets

* 695 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to municipalities that collection of levies in all public markets should be farmed out to private contractors instead of being collected departmentally; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No such general instructions have been issued to municipal councils."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" திருச்சி நகர சபை தன்னுடைய பிரதேசத்திலுள்ள மார்க்கெட்டை காண்டிராக்டுக்கு விடாமல் தாங்களே வரி வசூலிக்கும் அதிகாரத்தை எடுத்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று 1954-ம் வருஷம் மார்ச்சு மாதத்தில் ஒரு தீர்மானத்தை நிறைவேற்றியிருந்தும் அந்தத் தீர்மானத்தை சர்க்கார் நிராகரித்துவிட்டு, காண்டிராக்டுக்கே விடவேண்டுமென்று உத்திரவு போட்டார்களா, இல்லையா ?"

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" திருச்சி நகர சபையினுடைய நடத்தையில் சில தவறுகள் ஏற்பட்டுவிட்டதன் காரணமாக சர்க்கார் அவர்களுடைய உத்திரவை ரத்து செய்யச்சொல்லி விட்டு மறுபடியும் காண்டிராக்டுக்கே விடவேண்டுமென்று உத்திரவு போட்டார்கள்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I will take ten more minutes and finish all the remaining questions."

Local Development Works for Malabar and South Kanara

* 696 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many schemes have been submitted by the State Government to the Planning Commission under the Local Development Works programme;

(*b*) how many of them have been approved; and

(*c*) the schemes approved for Malabar and South Kanara districts?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Schemes 12 noon.
under the Local Development Works programme are sanctioned by the Collectors and the Board of Revenue and are not forwarded to the Planning Commission for approval.